

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-6 are pending. Claims 1-6 have been amended. The title has been amended. No new matter has been presented.

The title has been amended to be the same title as that of the specification.

Claim 6 was objected to for containing an extraneous phrase. Claim 6 has been amended to correct this typographical error, and withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. This rejection is respectfully overcome in view of the foregoing amendments.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP2000-56827 (Fujioka) in view of JP 05-47062 (Komoike). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites “wherein said speech recognition means discriminates whether or not the voice command is issued by a registered operator, and when the speech recognition means discriminates that the voice command is issued by the registered operator, said machine body control means permits the machine body movement, and when the speech recognition means discriminates that the voice command is not issued by the registered operator, said machine body control means inhibits the machine body movement.” Both Fujioka and Komoike fail to teach or suggest these features.

Fujioka teaches a voice instruction recognition means to analyze the voice wave signal outputted from said voice input means, and to recognize a voice instruction, but does not disclose discriminating whether the voice command was issued by a registered operator or controlling whether machine body movement is permitted based on whether the voice operator is registered. Komoike also fails to teach or suggest this feature. Accordingly, the features of claim 1 are not taught or suggested by Fujioka, Komoike or a combination thereof. Applicant requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

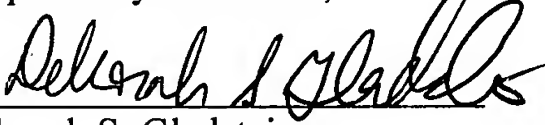
Claim 2 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP2000-56827 (Fujioka) in view of JP 05-47062 (Komoike), and further in view of JP 11-237892 (Akira). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 2 depends from claim 1 and is allowable because Fujioka and Komoike fail to teach or suggest the features recited therein. Akira fails to overcome the deficiencies of Fujioka and Komoike. Thus, claim 2 is allowable for the reasons set forth above. Applicant requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 356882001300.

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